

sure, to avouch the Sincerity of this Declaration. The Government of *France* could take no Alarms from Supplies which seem'd only destined for this rising City. It is built on the Coast of *Acadia*, at the Mouth of the Bay of *Chibouctou*.

One of the principal Stipulations which accompanied the Nomination of Commissaries, was, that the Countries upon which they were to decide should suffer no Alteration in the mean Time. This Stipulation was a Consequence of the Declaration express'd in the Memorial of the Court of *London*. Thus the *French* continued to possess all the Land which they had constantly inhabited ever since the Treaty of *Utrecht*, whether between *French Bay* [*Bay of Funda*] and the River *St. Lawrence*, or in the Peninsula itself, from *Minas*, as far as the *Isthmus*, and from the *Isthmus* to the Bay of *Chedabouctou*. As to the Banks of *Belle Riviere (Ohio)* and the Countries situated to the West of the *Apalachian Mountains*; the *English* had never had any Forts or Trading-Houses there. The Court of *London* had not even conceived any Project of an Establishment on that Side, and there was no Mention of that Country, neither in the Negotiations which preceded the Treaty of *Utrecht*, nor in those which paved the Way for the Peace of *Aix-la-Chapelle*.

The Appointment of Commissaries, and the mutual Engagement which had preceded this Appointment, gave room to think, that the Court of *London*, would send to the Governors of the *English Colonies in America*, Orders conformable to the Measures taken in *Europe*. Nothing more nearly concern'd the Tranquility of the two Nations, than to put an early Stop to those little Dissensions, which might, in the Sequel, occasion Differences of most serious Import. We shall pass over lightly, those Broils which happened before the Nomination of Commissaries.

Mr. *Mascarens*, *English* Commandant, had intended to force the *French* Inhabitants of *St. John's River*, to take the Oath of Allegiance to the King of *England*. Intimidated by his Threats, they apply'd to Count *De la Galissoniere*,

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